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SUBJECT: DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER KLAUW'S MEETING
WITH THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, APRIL 11, 1978.

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER MET WITH THE HOUSE FOR COFFEE
AT 9:00 A.M. AND WITH THE SENATE FOR TEA AT 3:00 P.M.
THE SESSION AT THE HOUSE WAS CHAIRED BY CHAIRMAN
ZABLOCKI. PRESENT WERE REPRESENTATIVES LEE HAMILTON,
JONATHAN BINGHAM, E. DE LA GARZA, GEORGE DANIELSON,
WILLIAM BROOMFIELD, BENJAMIN GILMAN, ROBERT LAGOMARSINO,
SHIRLEY PETTIS, AND JOHN ANDERSON.

2. THE SENATE SESSION WAS CHAIRED BY SENATOR JOSEPH
BIDEN, CHAIRMAN OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.
PRESENT WERE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHN SPARKMAN AND
SENATORS CLIFFORD CASE, JACOB JAVITS, AND CHARLES PERCY.

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3. AT EACH SESSION THE FOREIGN MINISTER LED OFF WITH
ESSENTIALLY THE SAME PRESENTATION. HE NOTED THIS WAS
HIS FIRST FOREIGN VISIT AS FOREIGN MINISTER AFTER THE
TRADITIONAL BENELUX CALLS. HE CALLED NATO THE CORNER-
STONE OF DUTCH FOREIGN POLICY AND PLEDGED A STRONG DUTCH

EFFORT. HE REFERRED TO A RECENT LETTER FROM THE
DEFENSE MINISTER -- IN COOPERATION WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER, CALLING FOR AN INCREASE
IN THE DUTCH CONTRIBUTION TO NATO DEFENSE. THE EC IS

ANOTHER CORNERSTONE AND HE NOTED THE CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HE TOUCHED ON THE ENLARGEMENT AND SAID HE LOOKS FOR GREEK ENTRY BY THE END OF 1979. THE ENLARGEMENT -- INCLUDING SPAIN AND PORTUGAL -- WILL STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY, AS WILL DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. HE SAID THE DUTCH VALUED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD, AND POINTED WITH PRIDE TO THE FACT THAT RELATIVELY SPEAKING THE NETHERLANDS WAS IN THE FOREFRONT OF CONTRIBUTORS WITH THE ANNUAL EFFORT SOON TO REACH TWO BILLION GUILDERS. AT EACH COMMITTEE THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRESENTATION WAS FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD.

HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

4. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI ASKED HOW THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASSESSED THE SITUATION BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY AND THE CYPRUS ISSUE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE EC NINE HAVE A COMMON POSITION AND ARE TRYING TO SUPPORT EFFORTS IN THE UN AND ELSEWHERE TO FIND A SOLUTION. GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WAS IN THE NETHERLANDS TWO WEEKS AGO AND THE DUTCH ENCOURAGED HIM NOT TO REJECT THE TURKISH PROPOSALS OUT OF HAND. THE QUESTION OF GREEK EC ENTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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IS SEPARATE FROM THE GREEK, TURKISH, CYPRUS ISSUE. THE COMMUNITY CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN CLOSE BILATERAL CONTACT WITH TURKEY SO THEY DO NOT FEEL ISOLATED. THERE MUST ALSO BE CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN THE GREEKS AND THE TURKS SO THEY CAN GET TO KNOW AND TRUST ONE ANOTHER.

5. CONGRESSMAN BROOMFIELD ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER'S OPINION REGARDING SOVIET EXPANSION NOTING THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 40,000 CUBAN TROOPS IN AFRICA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT THE SITUATION IN AFRICA WAS DANGEROUS, AND HE FEARED SOLUTIONS WERE UNOBTAINABLE. HE SAID HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THERE WAS AN ANTI-CUBAN SENTIMENT DEVELOPING WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL. HE HOPED CUBANS WILL NOT BE INTRODUCED INTO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. ON ANOTHER FRONT, HE SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH WE HAD NOT GOTTEN ALL WE MIGHT HAVE LIKED OUT OF BELGRADE, THERE WERE POSITIVE ASPECTS. THE SIMPLE FACT THAT A FULL AND OUTSPOKEN EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AND A 1980 MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MADRID ARE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS. DESPITE SETBACKS, THE CONDITION OF DETANTE MUST CONTINUE AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS MUST CONTINUE.

6. CONGRESSMAN LAGOMARSINO ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO COMMENT ON THE ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON ISSUE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REVIEWED THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE

NETHERLANDS AND UNDERLINED THE EMOTIONAL QUALITY OF THE DEBATE AND THE DEPTH OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT. HE EMPHASIZED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, AND THAT OF THE PARLIAMENT. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLEASED WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION. IF THE SOVIETS DO NOT REACT POSITIVELY THE DUTCH WILL CONSIDER THAT NEW CONDITIONS APPLY AND THEY WILL REVIEW THE ISSUE AGAIN.

7. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI ASKED WHAT WERE ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO EFFECTIVELY MEET THE MASSIVE WARSAW PACT TANK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCENTRATIONS. HE NOTED THE CONVENTIONAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOW DEPLOYED IN EUROPE WERE MORE POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING TO CIVILIANS THAN WERE THE ERWS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY BUT AGAIN NOTED THE EMOTIONAL DUTCH REACTION TO A BOMB DESIGNED TO ONLY KILL PEOPLE.

8. CONGRESSMAN ANDERSON ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DANGER THAT THE SOVIETS, AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) MIGHT TRY TO MAKE A PROPAGANDA COUP BY, FOR EXAMPLE, SEEKING A RESOLUTION TO BAN THE BOMB PERMANENTLY? THE NATO ALLIES, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO PRESENT A COMMON FRONT AGAINST SUCH A MOVE. MR. RUTTEN REPLIED CITING THE ONGOING CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE ALLIES IN THE UN AND ELSEWHERE IN PREPARATION FOR THE SSOD. THERE HAD NOT YET BEEN TIME, HOWEVER, TO WORK UP A COMMON POSITION ON THE ERW. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED ANY SUCH SOVIET EFFORT COULD BOOMERANG. THE ALLIES COULD COUNTER, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH A MOVE AGAINST THE SS-20.

9. CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM NOTED THAT US LAW REQUIRES THE EC TO AGREE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON THE US/E;RATOM AGREEMENT IF US SHIPMENTS OF ENRICHED URANIUM ARE TO CONTINUE. HE SAID HE HOPED THE DUTCH WOULD SUPPORT THE BEGINNING OF DISCUSSIONS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT ON NON-PROLIFERATION THE DUTCH AND THE US WERE ON PARALLEL TRACKS AND THE DUTCH HAVE IN FACT URGED THE BEGINNING OF TALKS BUT THE FRENCH, PERHAPS FOR REASONS OF NATIONAL PRIDE, HAD NOT AGREED. IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM'S QUESTION THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID IN PRACTICE THE RULE OF UNANIMITY WOULD APPLY IN THE COMMUNITY'S ARRIVING AT ITS DECISION, BUT IN THEORY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMISSION COULD ACT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE MEMBER

STATES.

10. CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM ASKED ABOUT THE MOLUCCAN ISSUE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THE MOLUCCAN COMMUNITY CONTINUED TO HOPE FOR A SEPARATE STATE WHICH WAS NOT REALISTIC. THE PROBLEM WAS EXACERBATED BY THE FACT THAT MANY YOUNG MOLUCCANS ARE UNEMPLOYED WHICH MAKES THEM MORE RADICAL. HE NOTED THE LAST INCIDENT SEEMED TO HAVE PRODUCED A REALIZATION IN THE MOLUCCAN COMMUNITY THAT THE TERRORISM CANNOT GO ON. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THE DUTCH BELIEVED IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE A PROGRAM WHEREBY SOME MOLUCCAN YOUTH FROM THE NETHERLANDS WERE SENT TO THE ISLANDS TO WORK FOR A PERIOD. AMBASSADOR BAKKER SAID HE WAS OFTEN ASKED IF HUMAN RIGHTS WERE INVOLVED AND HE INSISTED THEY WERE NOT. THERE IS NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE MOLUCCANS AND THEY ARE EDUCATED LIKE ALL OTHER DUTCHMAN. THEY WERE ALSO ENTIRELY FREE TO EMIGRATE TO INDONESIA.

11. ASKED BY CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI IF HE HAD ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN US IDEAS ABOUT TRANSATLANTIC TIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRUE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI SAID HE VIEWED THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY POSITIVELY. WE BELIEVE A STRONGER EUROPE ADDS TO OUR STRENGTH. BOTH CONGRESSMEN ZABLOCKI AND LAGOMARSINO SAID THERE WAS THE CONCERN ABOUT TRADE POLICY BUT THAT WAS NORMAL.

12. CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON ASKED HOW EUROPEANS VIEWED US ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP. HE HAD HEARD SOME EC LEADERS WERE DISAPPOINTED. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE HAD NO PROBLEMS. HE LOOKED TO THE BONN SUMMIT IN JULY FOR SOME DECISIONS BY THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE, INCLUDING, HE HOPED, ON ENERGY.

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13. AT THE SENATE, SENATOR BIDEN ASKED ABOUT THE DUTCH VIEW ON ERW NOTING THAT IN THE US BOTH PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS OF THE ERW SAY THE ALLIES DO OR DON'T WANT OR NEED IT TO BOLSTER THEIR POSITION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER OUTLINED THE DUTCH POSITION ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 6 ABOVE.

14. SENATOR SPARKMAN SAID AT THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING THERE HAD BEEN HIGH INTEREST IN THE ERW ISSUE. HIS VIEW WAS THAT IT SHOULD BE A PART OF THE US-SOVIET DISARMAMENT TALKS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED, SAYING SO LONG AS THE POSSIBILITY OF ITS PRODUCTION EXISTS IT IS A BARGAINING CHIP.

15. SENATOR PERCY NOTED THAT GOOD RELATIONS WITH OUR NATO ALLIES WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS AND ASKED WHAT SORT OF LEADERSHIP THE FOREIGN MINISTER WANTED TO SEE THE US PROVIDE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT RECIPROCALLY, GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE US WERE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE EUROPEANS. REGARDING THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTSTANDING ISSUES, HE SAID INFLATION WAS COMING UNDER CONTROL AND UNEMPLOYMENT WAS THE REAL WORRY. THE PROBLEM MUST BE ATTACKED COLLECTIVELY AND HE WAS LOOKING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EC POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN AT THE EC SUMMIT ON JULY 2-3 WHICH COULD THEN BE BROUGHT TO THE BONN SUMMIT. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM THE EUROPEANS HAD WITH THE US, HE SAID WERE THE DOLLAR, AND THE RELATED PROBLEM OF ENERGY. PROGRESS IN THE US ON AN EFFECTIVE ENERGY POLICY WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THE WORLD ECONOMY.

16. SENATOR JAVITS STRESSED THE NEED AT THE BONN SUMMIT
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TO HARMONIZE OUR POLICIES ON THE MAJOR ISSUES SUCH AS NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS WHERE COMMODITY AGREEMENTS CAN BE USEFUL, THE CREDIT FIELD AND THE IMF AND THE WORLD BANK, JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF ALGERIAN NATURAL GAS, AND A JOINT POSITION ON CUBANS IN AFRICA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED AND SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL THE EC WOULD BE ABLE TO DEVELOP POSITIONS IN ADVANCE. SOME OF THE POLITICAL ISSUES, HE SAID, SHOULD BE HANDLED IN NATO AND HE HOPED FOR MOVEMENT ON THESE AT THE NATO SUMMIT. THE EC, HE SAID, WAS NOT SIMPLY WAITING FOR THE US TO PROPOSE INITIATIVES.

17. SENATOR CASE ASKED FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS ON AFRICA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID AFRICA WAS DIVIDED AND THE US WAS A POSITIVE FACTOR. AFRICANS WERE BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT THEY WERE BETTER OFF WITH THE WEST THAN WITH THE SOVIETS. SENATOR CASE AGREED SAYING HE WAS BEGINNING TO BECOME MORE COOL TOWARDS FOREIGN AID. HE WONDERED IF WE SHOULD NOT LET THOSE WHO NEED IT COME TO US.

18. SENATOR BIDEN SAID HE WANTED THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO NATO DEFENSE WAS, NOT ONLY IN ITS OWN RIGHT, BUT ALSO, IN ITS EFFECT ON US DECISIONS. THE SUBJECT OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE IS NEVER RAISED ON THE HILL WITHOUT BEING FOLLOWED BY THE QUESTION: WHAT ARE THE EUROPEANS DOING? HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR DUTCH THINKING ON THE QUESTION OF STATIONING ANOTHER BRIGADE FORWARD IN GERMANY WHICH HE SAID WAS CONSIDERED AS A TOUCHSTONE BY SOME HERE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPLIED THAT THE DUTCH WERE AWARE

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OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION. HE SAID
THE QUESTION OF THE FORWARD BRIGADE, WAS ONE THAT DID
NOT TROUBLE THE DUTCH IN PRINCIPLE BUT SHOULD BE
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DECIDED ON GROUNDS OF MAKING THE BEST USE OF LIMITED
RESOURCES. TO MOVE THE BRIGADE FORWARD WOULD REQUIRE
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE. DUTCH
PLANNERS THINK THE MONEY COULD BE BETTER SPENT MOVING
CERTAIN SUPPLIES FORWARD AND INCREASING MOBILITY SO THE
BRIGADE COULD BE MOVED QUICKLY IN TIME OF NEED.

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